

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Jan. 6, 1954

January 6, 1954

Cham. of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, J. M. Maynard, at 1:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, and Maynard—3.
Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, and Sanderson—3.

Ald. Lavey, Peck, and Stabler (Council Committee).

Absent—Coms. Gordon and Wolfram—2.

Ex-Officio Member Thornton—1.

The proceedings of the regular meeting of December 2, 1953, were approved.

The Chairman inquired as to when Ramp Buildings Corporation would return for further survey. No definite information

was available. It was suggested that progress report and partial report be submitted within 60 days for budget purposes.

A letter from H. C. Cooper was read and placed on file.

Architect Munson's plan for parking under the Capitol lawn was presented. It was agreed to present this plan to Ramp Buildings Corporation.

The Traffic Engineer reported on a lot on N. Washington Avenue between Maple Street and Grand River Avenue.

The Planning Director reported on Parking Survey progress in outlying areas by the City Planning Dept.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Feb. 5, 1954

February 5, 1954

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, J. M. Maynard, at 1:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, and Maynard—4.

Ex-Officio Members Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—3.

Ald. Peck—(Council Committee).

Absent—Com. Wolfram—1.

Ex-Officio Member Hayes—1.

Ald. Lavey and Stabler—(Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of January 6, 1954, were approved.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corporation, regarding progress report, was read and discussed.

The Secretary reported that the first installment of \$1,500.00 had been paid.

It was moved by Com. Bidwell that the regular meetings of this Commission be held on the second Thursday of the month, at 1:30 P.M., beginning next month. The motion was supported by Com. Bollert.

Motion carried.

Mr. Thornton reported on the parking problem on E. Michigan Avenue. It was suggested that the merchants on E. Michigan Avenue be advised to await the report of Ramp Buildings Corporation.

The possibility of parking under the new County Building, if and when built, on the site of the present City Hall, was discussed. It was suggested that this matter be called to the attention of Ramp Buildings Corporation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 11, 1954

March 11, 1954

Cham. of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, J. M. Maynard, at 1:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bollert, Gordon, and Maynard—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—4.

Ald. Peck (Council Committee).

Messrs. Hart & Cleveland of Ramp Buildings Corp.

Absent—Coms. Bidwell and Wolfram—2.

Ald. Lavey and Stabler (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of February 5, 1954, were approved.

The Chairman announced that Blue

Prints for parking under the Capitol grounds had been given to Ramp Buildings Corp.

Mr. Hart reported that field studies were begun Tuesday, March 9. He defined the area which they consider as the Central Business District and said that they will also study the Capitol Development Area and E. Michigan Avenue to the Railroad tracks. He reported that cordon counts were made Tuesday, existing facilities were surveyed Wednesday, and traffic interviews were made Thursday of this week. They expect to complete their surveys by March 17th. They will require 2 to 3 months before preliminary information will be tabulated. They will determine how much parking traffic we have, how much can be accommodated, and the unsatisfied demand.

A discussion on parking in outlying areas raised the question as to how to buy and how to operate additional parking lots.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 8, 1954

April 8, 1954

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, J. M. Maynard, at 1:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram—4.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes and Leyrer—2.

Ald. Peck (Council Committee).

Absent—Coms. Bidwell—1.

Ex-Officio Members Sanderson and Thornton—2.

Ald. Lavey and Stabler (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of March 11, 1954, were read and approved.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corp. regarding correlation of Central Business District Studies and Outlying Area Studies, was read and discussed.

The bill for the second installment due to Ramp Buildings Corp. was presented. It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bollert, that the bill be approved.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,

Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 11, 1954

May 11, 1954

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram—5.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—4.

Ald. Lavey and Stabler (Council Committee).

Mr. Charles LeCraw and Mr. Lloyd Reid, of Ramp Buildings Corporation, and Ald. Tripp were also present.

Absent—Ald. Peck (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of April 8, 1954, were read and approved.

It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bollert, that Com. Maynard be elected as Chairman for the next year.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Com. Gordon, supported by Com. Bollert, that Com. Bidwell be elected as Vice-Chairman for the next year.

Motion carried.

Chairman Maynard explained that the regular meeting date had been moved ahead to this date to enable Mr. LeCraw and Mr. Reid to meet with the Parking Authority Commission.

Mr. Charles LeCraw of Ramp Buildings Corp. explained the results of their studies of the parking problems in Lansing. The following important points were explained:

1748 public parking spaces in the Downtown Area.

Parking needs exceed parking spaces from 12:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily.

43% of parking spaces are over-parked.

Average parking in 1 hour zone is 28 minutes.

Average parking in 1 hour zone is 1 hr. 49 min. by violation.

62% of cars park less than 30 minutes.

84% of cars park less than 1 hour.

96% of cars park less than 2 hours.

Net parking shortage in Downtown Area is 1800 parkers of 600 spaces.

It was suggested that an opinion be gotten from the City Attorney regarding legal time limit of parking in metered space.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 10, 1954

June 10, 1954

Lansing, Michigan

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:55 P.M.

Communications from the Council were read regarding 113 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, 207 S. Grand Avenue, and Escrow Agreement from West Side Commercial Club.

It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Gordon, that the Secretary write a letter of acknowledgment to the West Side Commercial Club.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram—5.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, and Sanderson—3.

Ald. Lavey and Peck (Council Committee).

Absent—Ex-Officio Member Thornton—1.

Ald. Stabler (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of May 11, 1954, were read and approved.

A communication from the Traffic Commission was read and explained by Mr. Hayes.

The Secretary reported that the City Plan Commission report will be submitted at the July meeting.

Chairman Maynard announced receipt of the Preliminary Report from Ramp Buildings Corporation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

The Secretary reported on the City Attorney's opinion regarding legal time limit of parking in metered space.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 8, 1954

July 8, 1954

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, and Maynard—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—4.

Ald. Lavey and Peck (Council Committee).

Absent—Coms. Gordon and Wolfram—2.

Ald. Stabler (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of June 10, 1954, were read and approved.

Mr. Neil Silverman of Wolverine Parking Co. appeared before the Commission and proposed that they take over all of the City-operated lots (8 that are metered). He pointed out the following advantages:

The City will realize 50% of gross receipts.

The Company will pay taxes on all properties.

No police enforcement or maintenance by City.

Would increase capacity by 50 to 90% within 2 or 3 days.

Flexibility of private enterprise.

The matter was discussed at some length.

A letter from Walter E. Hahn was read.

It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Bollert, that the letter from Walter Hahn and the location of the present Veterans' Building be referred to Ramp Buildings Corporation for their opinion.

Motion carried.

The Secretary reported on the status of the Parking in Outlying Areas Report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,

Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Aug. 12, 1954

August 12, 1954,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:30 P. M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram.—5.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton.—4.

Aldermen Lavey and Pack (Council Committee).—2.

Absent: Alderman Stabler (Council Committee).—1.

The proceedings of the regular meeting of July 8, 1954, were read and approved.

A letter from Charles LeCraw of Ramp Buildings Corporation, regarding the letter from Walter Hahn and present Veterans Building site, was read and placed on file.

A letter from Oscar Hajos, which had been referred to this Commission by the City Council, was read. It was moved by Commissioner Bidwell, supported by Com-

missioner Bollert, that the Secretary acknowledge this letter.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Wolfram, supported by Commissioner Bidwell, that a communication be sent to the Park Department for suggestions as to how to beautify City Parking Lots.

Motion carried.

A letter from Norristown, Pa., Parking Authority was read. It was moved by Commissioner Bidwell, supported by Commissioner Wolfram, that the Secretary advise them that as of this time our relations with Ramp Building Corp. have been satisfactory, but since the work is not yet completed we are unable to give any final answer.

Motion carried.

Mr. Neil Silvers was present and gave a summary of his findings regarding operation of municipally owned Parking Lots.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P. M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Sept. 9, 1954

September 9, 1954

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 10:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram.—5.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton.—4.

Aldermen Peck and Stabler (Council Committee).

Absent: Alderman Lavey (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of August 12, 1954, were read and approved.

The reply to the letter from Norristown, Pa., Parking Authority was read.

The reply from Mr. H. Lee Bancroft was read and discussed. It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Bollert, that the Park Department be requestd to submit plans and specifications and estimate of cost for landscaping the Townsend St. Lot.

Motion carried.

Chairman Maynard reported briefly on the visit of Mr. Charl LeCraw of Ramp Building Corporation, pointing out that sufficient copies of their report for distribution to the City Council and others will be available in 30 days.

It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bidwell, that we recommend to the City Council that the No. 1 city owned and operated parking lot in the 300 block of Townsend St. be changed from its present operation of combination shopper and all-day parking to shopper parking at 5¢ per hour, with a 2 hour limit, at the earliest convenient time.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,

engines on the N.Y.C. Railroad and the Davison Plant.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. McClure—

That Mr. Pesterfield be directed to write to the proper officials of the N.Y.C. Railroad asking them to appear before the Commission at their next meeting.

Carried.

By Com. Valentine—

That Mr. Pesterfield's mileage for the month of October for the amount of \$23.20 be allowed.

Carried.

The November Commission meeting was postponed to meet on December 1, 1954, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 14, 1954

October 14, 1954.

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Coms. Bollert, Gordon, and Maynard—3.
Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, and Thornton—3.

Ald. Peck and Stabler (Council Committee).

Absent:

Coms. Bidwell and Wolfram—2.
Ex-Officio Member Sanderson—1.
Ald. Lavey (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of Sept. 9, 1954, were read and approved.

A letter from the Wolverine Parking Company was read and placed on file.

A letter from Gordon O'Keefe of Detroit was read and discussed. It was suggested that the Secretary write a letter advising Mr. O'Keefe that the report from Ramp Buildings Corp. is not in and if parking structures are recommended for our downtown area in their report, we will be glad to talk to him.

Information from Western Railroad Supply Co. was discussed.

A letter from Walter Hahn was read and placed on file.

A letter from File-A-Way Parking System of Portland, Oregon, was read and placed on file.

Proceedings of the Executive Committee of October 11, 1954, at which time all executive members of the Parking Commission could be present, were read. These proceedings included resolutions, which were unanimously carried, that the report of Ramp Buildings Corporation for off-street parking in the Central Business District ad the report of the City Plan Commission for off-street parking in Out-

lying Areas be adopted, and that the recommendations in the Central Business District and Outlying Areas Report be recommended to the City Council.

It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Gordon, that we adopt the Executive Committee report.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Gordon, that we approve the third installment of Planning Fee to Ramp Bldgs. Corp. in the amount of \$7500.00.

Motion carried.

A letter from the Traffic Commission was read and discussed.

It was moved by Com. Gordon, supported by Com. Bollert, that we recommend to

the City Council that the Traffic Commission's proposal regarding experiment with parking meter time limits and rates on Washington Avenue, be adopted.

Motion carried.

Chairman Maynard read a letter from Bond Attorney John Nunneley of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Detroit.

It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Gordon, that a letter be sent to the Board of Water and Light, asking for a survey as to the advisability of installing Mercury Vapor type lights on City-owned Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

It was moved and supported to leave the time limits and rate as is on the parking meters on N. Grand Avenue from Lapeer to Shiawassee.

Carried.

The traffic engineer was instructed to return the 1-hour parking 8 A.M.-6 P.M. signs on the south side of W. Michigan from Chestnut to Walnut.

Carried.

It was moved and supported to recommend to City Council that the present 7 A.M.-7 P.M. parking prohibition on the south side of Kalamazoo Street from Capitol to Grand be changed to No Parking Any Time.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

LANSING TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Allen T. Hayes, Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 11, 1954

November 11, 1954,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, Maynard, and Wolfram.—4. Ex-Officio Members Hayes and Leyrer.—2.

Absent—Coms. Gordon.—1. Ex-Officio Members Sanderson and Thornton.—2. Ald. Lavey, Peck, and Stabler. (Council Committee)

The proceedings of the regular meeting of October 14, 1954, were read and approved.

Attorneys Leland Carr and Joseph Foster and Messrs. James Porter and Herbert Trevelyan also attended the meeting. The report of Ramp Buildings Corp. was discussed with them.

A letter from Mr. Allen T. Hayes, Traffic Engineer, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the City Council regarding the W. Saginaw and Westmoreland lot was read.

A letter from File-A-Way Parking System was read and placed on file.

Additional information from Western Railroad Supply Co. was presented and placed on file.

A letter and information from Gordon A. O'Keefe was read and placed on file.

The Secretary reported on his conversation with Walter Hahn regarding Board of Education property at Townsend and Washington Sts.

Chairman Maynard reported on his meeting with the Charter Study Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 9, 1954

December 9, 1954
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:30 P.M.

Letters from the Lansing Board of Realtors, Leland W. Carr, Jr., Walter H. Lewis, tenants of Central Apartments, and C. G. Frederick, which had been referred to the Parking Commission by the City Council, were received and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bollert, Maynard, and Wolfram—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sander, and Thornton—4.

Absent—Coms. Bidwell and Gordon—2.

Ald. Lavey, Peck and Stabler (Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of November 11, 1954, were read and approved.

A letter from the Lansing Board of Realtors regarding the Townsend Street School Y.W.C.A. property, was read.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corp. regarding the above matter was read and discussed. It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Wolfram, that the Parking Authority Commission is interested in the property and recommends to the City Council its purchase for all-day parking, as well as Auditorium Parking if it can be purchased at a figure to assure a reasonable return.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bollert, that we recommend to the City Council immediate purchase of the Arctic Dairy property on S. Capitol Avenue, because this property is desirable in any downtown parking program.

Motion carried.

A letter from the Traffic Engineer was received and placed on file.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Parking Commission be held at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1954, and that Mr. Dorr Gunnell, Chairman of the Auditorium Commission, and Mr. Adrian Lanius of the State Building Department be invited to this meeting.

A letter from the City Engineer, regarding the report of the Foster Engineering Co. which had been referred to the Parking Commission by the City Council, was received and placed on file.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corp. about the Foster Engineering Co. report was read and discussed.

A letter from the National Parking Association was read and placed on file.

A letter from the Cleveland Wrecking Co. was read. It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bollert, that this letter be referred to the Building and Properties Committee of the City Council.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Dec. 15, 1954

December 15, 1954,

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan.

The special meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Maynard, and Wolfram—5.

Ex-Officio Member—Hayes—1.

Absent—Ex-Officio Members Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—3.

Aldermen Lavey, Peck, and Stabler (Council Committee)—3.

Mr. Dorr Gunnell, Chairman of the Civic Auditorium Commission, and Mr. Clarence Rosa of the Building Division of the State of Michigan, and Mr. Lloyd B. Reid, representing Ramp Buildings Corp., were also present.

Chairman Maynard announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss state and auditorium parking needs.

There was a general discussion of parking for the Auditorium and how the City and State could jointly use State lots for Auditorium parking.

Mr. Rosa indicated that the Governor had been requested to ask the State Legislature for money to begin acquisition of property in the area west of the present new State Buildings and west of the Lewis Cass Building.

Mr. Gunnell estimated that for capacity attendance parking for 2500 cars would be needed. The heaviest demand for parking would be at night. Daytime parking demands would not be too heavy. Interest was evidenced in old school property and Y.W.C.A. Residence property for Auditorium daytime parking. Also, the block of property bounded by Pine, Allegan, Sycamore, and Washtenaw for daytime Auditorium parking.

This will be discussed at Auditorium Commission meeting Wednesday, December 15, 1954, to see what can be worked out.

Mr. Wolfram said entire parking program should be presented as a package to the voter—including parking for the Auditorium.

A letter from Mr. Sanderson, City Comptroller, about different types of bonds was read and discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

ALLEN T. HAYES,
Acting Secretary.